11/3/74

Dear Abbey,

Tnx 10/21/74 and UPI wire copy same date.

Returned last night from eminently successful and utterly exhausting hearing that while it was tremenduously stimulating in terms of what I was able to do was also taxing beyond ability to convey.

No reporting and less wire copy by incompetents or inexperienced can begin to describe what we did, beginning by establishing a new precedent (terms rights accused) to discovery by habeas corpus petitioners and in the record we made.

Last coup: kidnapping all State's rebuttal witnesses and making them ours. Wish I could tell you how able to do this when all werex surprise witnesses!

They actually peeped out and rested case because of this.

Do expectvictory this hearing (which still requires six tough weeks of work) and trial, which will require God alone can begin to guess what.

Have a new underground book overdue and have had to let is go to do this work.

It is printed but undelivered. It will not be out until we have answers on efforts to sell subsidiary rights. Because we had to borrow to print, there will be few freebes and none where wholesalers do not stock. As of now only prospect wholesaler stocking in NYC.

Bookstore price, $6.00. By mail $6.25. The 90 days of the note expire this week, too!

Printer's growling, demands Ray case, account for delays.

UPI people in Memphis inexperienced and dependant upon official sources, thus the prejudicial kind of copy you sent. Sorry I didn't ask you to save all. Please do here in but not necessary to send daily. May be 4 weeks before there is more news, then two more. Timing on papers to be prepared and filed.

Foreman and Huie dared not show up in court and be cross-examined in public, hence State trickery in using depositions which on balance help us from what the poor reporting does not include. They call each other perjurers.And neither ever intended defending Ray.

Ray stacked up so well on cross-examination the State gave up on him hours before we expected it or they had predicted.

He has been truthful, with a dry wit the State lawyers could not cope with.

Hasty best,